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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 24, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments and comments.